

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND DEFECT INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR
PHOTOMASK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 6, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it.

Please add new claims 14-16 as follows:

-- 14. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --

-- 15. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 8, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --